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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER Tourists make a yearend pilgrimage to Baguio City to search its public market for the table-ready strawberries produced by neighboring Benguet. Back-to-back storms in October nearly cost the town of La Trinidad its strawberry harvest, but farmers managed to harvest a sizable volume of the Christmas-red treasure for the holidays.

Woman to try Ampatuans

Time mag pays homage to 'Saint of Democracy'



HEROIC MANY TIMES OVER The late President Corazon Aquino is shown on the cover of Time's Nov. 13, 2006, anniversary issue.

THOUGH SHE IS GONE, THE memory of a Filipino woman with a quiet demeanor still resonates around the world.

In its latest issue, the prestigious Time magazine paid homage to the late former President Corazon Aquino and 44 other international "achievers" who passed away in 2009.

The list of personalities to whom Time bade "Fond Farewells" included US Sen. Ted Kennedy, American journalist Walter Cronkite, pop star Michael Jackson, anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss and actors Farrah Fawcett and Patrick Swayze.

"Long before the fall of the Berlin Wall and the revolutions

TIME A11

Wife waited in Bacolod; husband killed in Taguig

By Carla P. Gomez
in Bacolod City
and Allison W. Lopez
in Manila

BACOLOD CITY—SHE WAITED for her husband at the Bacolod-Silay Airport on Thursday afternoon. He had been killed two hours earlier in Taguig City.

Bentajin Ang, 55, businessman and father of three, had called his wife Leda from his unit at the posh Serendra condominium in Taguig to tell her that he was coming home to Bacolod on a 2 p.m. flight, according to his sister Mary Grace Reyes.

Earlier, Ang told housemaid Nenette Mallay, 32, that he was going out to buy some things and would return for lunch before taking a taxi to the airport for his flight to Bacolod.

His wife Leda went to the airport to collect him, and

WIFE A12



UNDER THE WEATHER President Macapagal-Arroyo, escorted by her husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, deplanes at the Copenhagen airport amid snow flurries. She is attending the UN summit of leaders on climate change in the capital city of Denmark.

QC judge refuses PNP offer of security

By Julie M. Aurelio

JUST AN ORDINARY DAY.

Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes is treating the trial of Andal Ampatuan Jr. for the massacre of 57 people as an ordinary case that would not require any special police security.

The case was raffled off to the presiding judge of Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 221 after Judge Luisito Cortez of RTC Branch 84 on Tuesday declined to try the alleged brains behind the worst political violence in the nation's history.

Citing a potential security threat to his staff and his household, the 49-year-old Cortez, who survived an ambush as a trial judge, told reporters: "What is glory without a family?"

Reyes declined to meet with reporters after getting the assignment following a second raffle yesterday at the Quezon City court.

The election-related massacre in Maguindanao on Nov. 23 prompted the imposition of martial law in the province for eight days to allow for the arrest of Ampatuan's father, three-term provincial governor, and three of his brothers and the investigation of over 600 armed supporters for rebellion.

WOMAN A8

RP killings make 2009 deadliest for journalists

NEW YORK—THE MASSACRE last month of at least 30 media workers in the Philippines made 2009 the deadliest year ever for journalists, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ).

An independent press advocacy group, the CPJ says at least 68 journalists were killed in 2009—a 60-percent increase over 2008 when 42 deaths were recorded.

"What stands out is that these reporters are killed deliberately for their work and, in 85 percent of these cases, no one is brought to justice," CPJ deputy director Robert Mahoney said in a tele-

RP KILLINGS A8

'Lola' best in Dubai int'l filmfest

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Entertainment

TWO GRANDMAS AND A MURDER: The curious combination produced yet another cinematic masterpiece by Filipino director Brillante Mendoza.

The filmmaker, who earlier this year was adjudged Best Director in the Cannes Film Festival, keeps his winning streak by bagging the award for Best Film in the 6th Dubai International Film Festival, which ran from Dec. 9 to 16.

Mendoza's "Lola" (Grandmother) topped over 143 entries in the Muhr Asia-Africa film section, winning $50,000 (about P2.3 million) for the di-

LOLA A16

'How come we're still talking deliveries?'

By Christine O. Avendaño

HOW COME WE'RE STILL TALKING about the delivery of automated poll machines?

But despite delays in the delivery of machines and their testing, election officials told a joint oversight committee yesterday that the first nationwide automated balloting would proceed as scheduled in May.

Even if the Commission on Elections (Comelec) fails to automate the balloting, officials said they could still shift to a manual vote if given two months, or by March 9, to prepare.

Under the Comelec timeline, some 42,200 machines are to be delivered this December, the remaining 40,000 in January. These 82,200 machines will read, count and transmit the balloting results.

Cagayan de Oro City Rep. Rufus Rodriguez reminded the Comelec that it had said the delivery of the machines would be completed from Nov. 11 to

HOW COME A17

Tempers boil as delegates wait in freezing weather

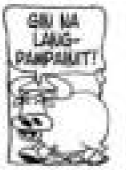
By Michael Lim Ubac

COPENHAGEN—COFFEE OR TEA?

Police officers serving warm drinks to civilians is definitely not part of the job description of the Philippine National Police, or police forces in other parts of the world.

But Danish police officers known here as "politi" had to assume this rather odd

TEMPERS A16



Phivolcs warns: Mayon to blow its top in few weeks

LEGAZPI CITY—MAYON VOLcano, which has blown its top nearly 40 times in 400 years, yesterday menaced nearby residents with small eruptions of ash and lava as relief agencies moved more than 30,000 people to shelters in case of a larger eruption.

But scientists and officials quoted said a major eruption could be weeks away and that the evacuees faced the prospect of spending up to four months in temporary shelters.

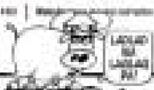
Trickles of lava rolled down the 2,460-meter (8,070-foot) mountain, while five new ash explosions, one of them reaching 500 meters in the air, shook Mayon's steep slopes, according to chief state volcanologist Renato Solidum.

PHIVOLCS A17

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Ladlad issue splits Comelec

A PETITION FOR PARTY-LIST ACCREDITATION from a gay rights group has become a divisive issue among the election commissioners, forcing Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chair Jose Melo to intervene and cast the final dissenting vote against Ang Ladlad.

Tie break

Original decision

What immorality?

'Lim a victim of sloppy Comelec work'

Jamby's a nuisance candidate, says Alan



CAYETANO



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'Attack dog'

No gun exemptions, no armed bodyguards for bets—Comelec

GMA spokesperson a 'casualty' of Maguindanao massacre

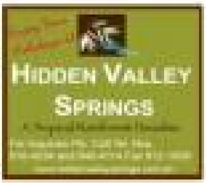


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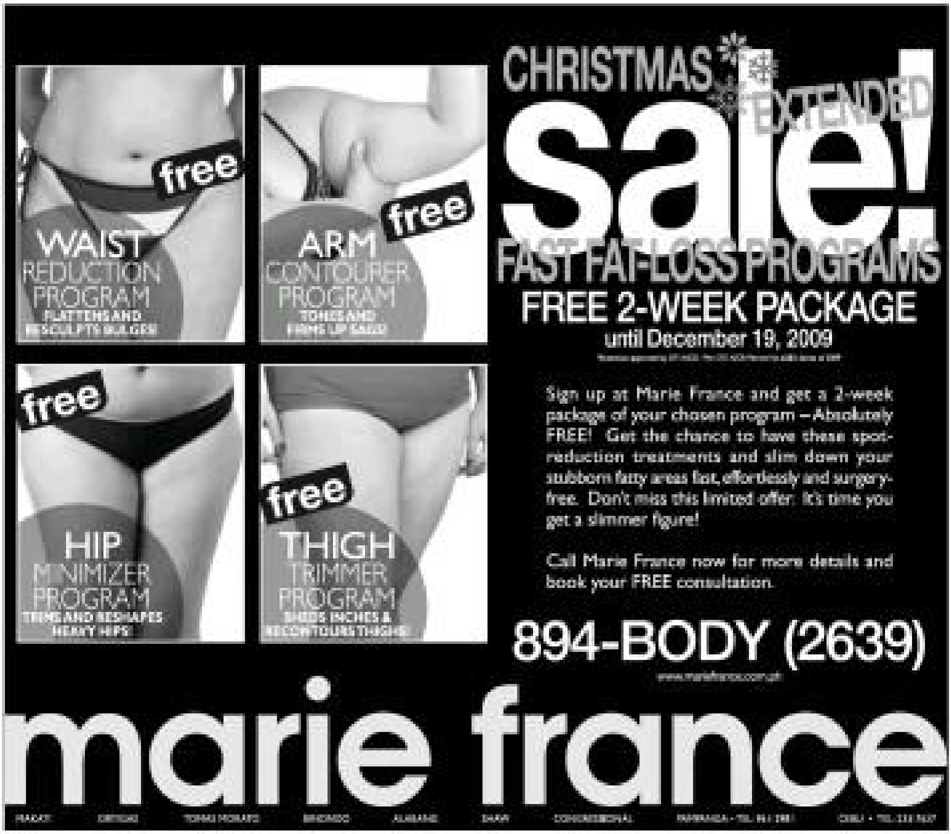
By Christian V. Esguerra

Still friends

Her choice



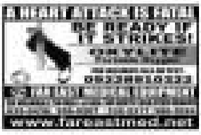




Cooking gas dealers press Senate on LPG law










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'Balangay' takes a break, will sail anew in January

Another 'balangay'

Eighth leg

Migration, trade routes

JOY'S PAIN

Gibo: ARMM failed

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Palace vows to probe how gov't arms, ammo landed in hands of Ampatuans

No extensive probe needed

Augmentation force vs MILF

Woman judge to try Ampatuans; she rejects security

Not taking any chances

Experience



ONCE MORE WITH FEELING Judge Fernando Reyes presides over the raffle of the multiple murder case against Datu Unsay Mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr. The case will now be handled by Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes.

Cry for justice

IN THE KNOW

Tough women of the bench

By Inquirer Research

PCIJ wins Kate Webb Award for fearless work in 20 years

Moral or physical courage

Staying alive

RP killings make '09 deadliest for journalists; 60% rise over '08

Disturbing trend

Print journalism's importance

In the cross hairs

House set to ratify P1.5-T budget today







Bad news from Copenhagen: No deal yet

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SNOW-SWEPT GLOBE A woman dusts off snow from a globe in Copenhagen on Thursday where the temperature has dropped below zero. Copenhagen is the host city for the UN climate conference, which started Dec. 7 and ends on Dec. 18.



CHALLENGING OBAMA Green Advocates Sen. Loren Legarda and Maldives President Mohamed Nasheed in a rare moment before the COP15 (Conference of Parties) meeting in Copenhagen. Loren challenged the United States and other developed nations to "walk the talk" on climate change.

$22 billion in pledges

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Snail's pace

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US condemned

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Economic giants

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Not at expense of poor nations

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Cost of failure

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Climate justice

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Bottom-up approach

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Revolt of the poor

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Two working groups

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Tempers boil as delegates wait in freezing weather; Coffee or tea?

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Below zero

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Saved by snowfall

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Alternative congress

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'Lola' is best film in Dubai international filmfest

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MOVIE MAN Film director Brillante Mendoza, shown here at the Cultural Center of the Philippines in October, continues his big awards. His "Lola" was declared best film in the recent 6th Dubai International Film Festival.

3rd major int'l award

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'RP cinema not dying at all'

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Other Filipino entries

[illegible]

US grants RP $135M – more aid than Obama asked for

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE US CONGRESS has increased Washington's development and security assistance to the Philippines for fiscal year 2010 to $135.1 million, up 13 percent from last year's $119.7 million, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo announced yesterday.

Romulo said the amount was higher than the $118.7 million the Obama administration had requested.

The significant increase, he said, was an indication of the US government's confidence in and the realization of its partnership with the Philippines.

"The US Congress has always played a key role in ensuring that the alliance between the Philippines and the United States remains strong and is supportive of peace and development efforts in the Philippines, particularly in Mindanao," he said.

Romulo said two-thirds of the aid amount would go to Mindanao for basic services, livelihood projects and the reintegration of ex-combatants.

The increase was part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Omnibus Appropriations bill that was approved by the US House of Representatives on Dec. 8 and the US Senate on Dec. 13. The legislation will now go to President Barack Obama for his signature.

Romulo cited the meeting between President Macapagal-Arroyo and Obama in the Oval Office in July this year as a factor that led to the positive outlook in the US toward the Philippines.

During the meeting, President Obama said: "We are very appreciative of the immense support which her administration has pursued in strengthening ties with the United States. President Arroyo has done outstanding work on a whole range of issues."

Specifically, the combined Development Assistance and Economic Support Fund was increased to $93.3 million in 2010 from $80 million in 2009. Foreign Military Financing was raised to $32 million from $15 million.

Included in the appropriations package was $198 million for the Filipino Veterans Equity Fund, the lump sum payments for services rendered as part of US forces by Filipino soldiers during World War II.

As of Dec. 1, over $120 million has been awarded to Filipino veterans.

Additionally, the Philippines stands to receive up to $400 million from the US Millennium Challenge Corporation, whose board led by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton recently re-selected the Philippines as being compact eligible for fiscal year 2010.

Romulo said full funding of the Philippines-MCC agreement is [illegible] the 2010 appropriations bill [illegible] the statutory 25 percent funding cap for the Philippines [illegible] World Bank [illegible] [illegible] In terms of Development Assistance, the Philippines is second only to Indonesia globally.

















The Kingdom of

JESUS CHRIST

The Name Above Every Name

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF PASTOR APOLLO C. QUIBOLOY

on the declaration of Martial Law in Maguindanao last December 4, 2009.

The Kingdom of Jesus Christ The Name Above Every Name, which stands by the guidance of the Almighty Father, the Creator of All, is in full favor of the declaration of Martial Law in Maguindanao.

We, as one people, believe that putting the entire province of Maguindanao under Martial Rule was a sound decision done with strong political will for the good of the greater Maguindanao population.

Two weeks after the gruesome massacre that claimed the lives of 57 innocent individuals in the worst election-related violence in the nation's History, most Mindanaoans were completely aware that there was a brewing rebellion in Maguindanao that could have claimed more innocent lives and caused the breaking of the rule of law in the province.

The stoppage of the government's operation and the presence of more than a thousand armed men loyal to the Ampatuan family who were ready to engage government forces were the primary reasons President Arroyo put Maguindanao under martial law.

I am one with the people of Mindanao, whose sentiments, are for the justice for the murdered victims and their families in supporting this government decision.

In so doing, (1) Malacañang has suspended the writ of habeas corpus in the province except "for certain areas," and has (2) enabled the military to make arrests without court intervention. We have seen the (3) **swift dispensation** of justice to the victims. (4) **Firearms and weaponries** have been confiscated because the warlords cannot do anything under the temporary military rule. (5) Evidences to the brutal murders were gathered swiftly in the entire duration of the Martial Rule in the province. It was impossible to do so when even the prosecutors locked up the municipal halls in Maguindanao.

If there had been abuses in Maguindanao, we, Mindanaoans, would have been the first ones to shout at the top of our lungs to stop Martial Law.

But apparently, there was none.

We have seen how that significant decision has benefitted the people of Maguindanao, the entire Mindanao and the Filipino people in general, whose common wish and heartbeat is the rendering of justice to the innocent victims of the Maguindanao Massacre and the full restoration of the rule of law.

May the Good Lord bless us all.

PASTOR APOLLO C. QUIBOLOY
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Time mag pays homage to 'Saint of Democracy'

Global legacy

Symbol against tyranny

Complete list



Wife waited in Bacolod for husband in The Fort

Like a father

Pack of cigarettes

INQUIRER

OPINION

Deal-breakers

EDITORIAL

BARRING A LAST-MINUTE EXTENSION, THE United Nations climate change conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, will end later today. Whether it ends in triumph or massive failure depends on a fistful of tough sticking points. It is in the world's best interests that a substantive deal is reached. And because we are a developing economy at ever-higher risk of climate-related calamities, it is in our best—most vital—interests too.

Essentially, the Copenhagen conference can be reduced to three basic propositions: emissions of so-called greenhouse gases must be reduced substantially, funding for poor economies most affected by climate change must be provided immediately, and emission reduction targets must be capable of being verified independently.

The Kyoto Protocol, the landmark agreement of 1997 that came into effect in 2005 and expires in 2012, mandates legally binding reduction targets on developed countries. But the United States rejected the treaty, and today it remains opposed to it. Under the Obama administration, the United States has begun to "make up for lost time" (in the words of US Sen. John Kerry, chair of the Senate's foreign relations committee, who visited Copenhagen the other day). But despite the obvious change in official position and the welcome re-engagement of the United States in the climate change negotiating process, its current "offer" of 17-percent reduction by 2020 over 2005 levels—a target included in the climate change bill that passed the US House of Representatives earlier this year—is deemed by many in the developing world (and a few developed economies) as too low. Sticking Point No. 1: Despite mounting pressure, the United States does not seem either ready or inclined to increase its target.

While the United States and a few other industrialized countries, like Japan, do not want the two-path approach of Kyoto (that is, one set of commitments for developed and another set for developing countries) to be carried over into the new accord, they do recognize the responsibility of the so-called Annex 1 parties (developed economies) to help fund climate change response programs by and in the poorer countries. The question is: How much will they make available? And who can avail themselves of the money? The African bloc (over 50 countries, out of the 100 taking part in Copenhagen) estimated the total to reach $400 billion a year by 2020; the European Union has broached the idea of $10 billion a year in the next three years (2010 to 2012), the so-called fast start, with future financing commitments to be determined in the next few years. Japan on Wednesday agreed to fund half of the amount, or $15 billion over three years. The United States has been silent about specific pledges.

The chasm between the African estimate and the rich countries' proposal is too wide. The other day, the Ethiopian president (supported by the EU) proposed a bridging deal: $50 billion by 2015, and $100 billion by 2020.

The United States had also previously raised concerns about countries classified as developing in 1997 but on the developed threshold today (meaning China) being qualified to avail themselves of the funding. China, the biggest beneficiary of Kyoto Protocol development money, has since announced that it is not interested in the funding. Thus, Sticking Point No. 2: Because of political constraints, the United States cannot afford to up the ante as far as its funding is concerned, leaving the "fund" short even of the EU's more modest target. Developing countries may not accept this limitation, and walk away from any deal.

The rapid growth of the Chinese and Indian economies (part of the "Basic Group," together with Brazil and South Africa) renders them unrecognizable from the Kyoto framework. Industrialized countries, the United States especially, have contended that these countries should be treated like Annex 1 countries. China, for instance, is now the world's largest source of carbon dioxide emissions, outpacing the United States by a percentage point or two. Both China and India have belatedly recognized this change of status, and even though they were not obligated to do so, offered reduction targets too. However, the United States wants compliance to be independently verified. Thus, Sticking Point No. 3: China refuses to agree to the verification condition, arguing that this would constitute an assault on its sovereignty.

Three deal-breakers. If Copenhagen ends in what today's IT-savvy generation calls "epic fail," we know where to start looking for the blame.



Fearful judges should quit

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

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The judge's inhibitions

Passion for Reason

Raul C. Pangalangan

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For GMA, fate worse than death

ANALYSIS



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400 days to 400 years

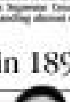
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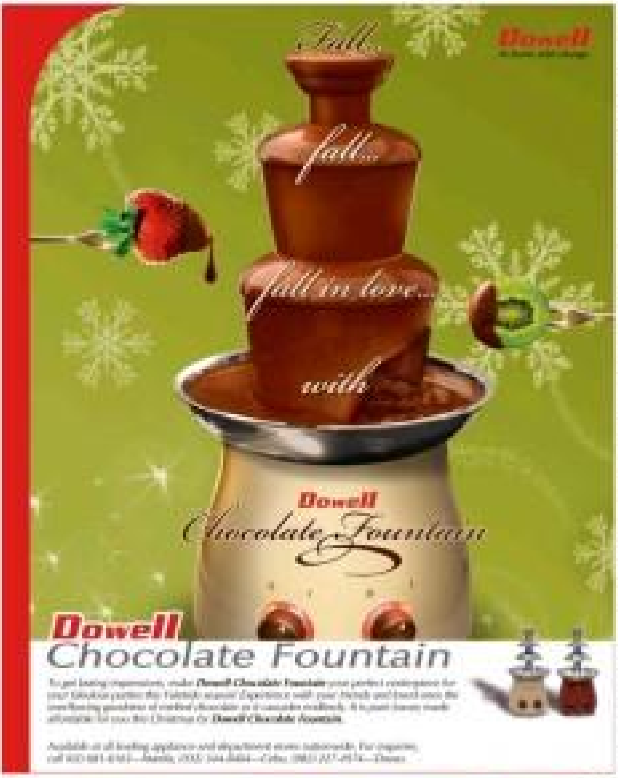
Rina Jimenez-David

Martial law in 1896

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo





EO created monsters

PNCC board's role in Radstock deal

CWT not a tax on campaign donations

Why is there no lifestyle check yet?

Phivolcs warns: Mayon to blow its top in few weeks

Unlike Pinatubo

Increased ash emissions

Lava flow

Zero casualty



Shifting classes

Relief operations

'How come we're still talking deliveries?'

What caused delay

Adjusting deadline

Preparation for manual vote

Hybrid balloting

Satisfied with explanation

Across the NATION

48 W. Visayas areas poll hot spots

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

Police say areas on the list would be under close monitoring. More policemen to be sent where violence erupts before and during the elections

ILOILO CITY—POLICE HAVE PLACED 48 AREAS, INCLUDING 40 towns and eight cities in Western Visayas, on a watch list of election hot spots.

Two categories

Negros peace pact



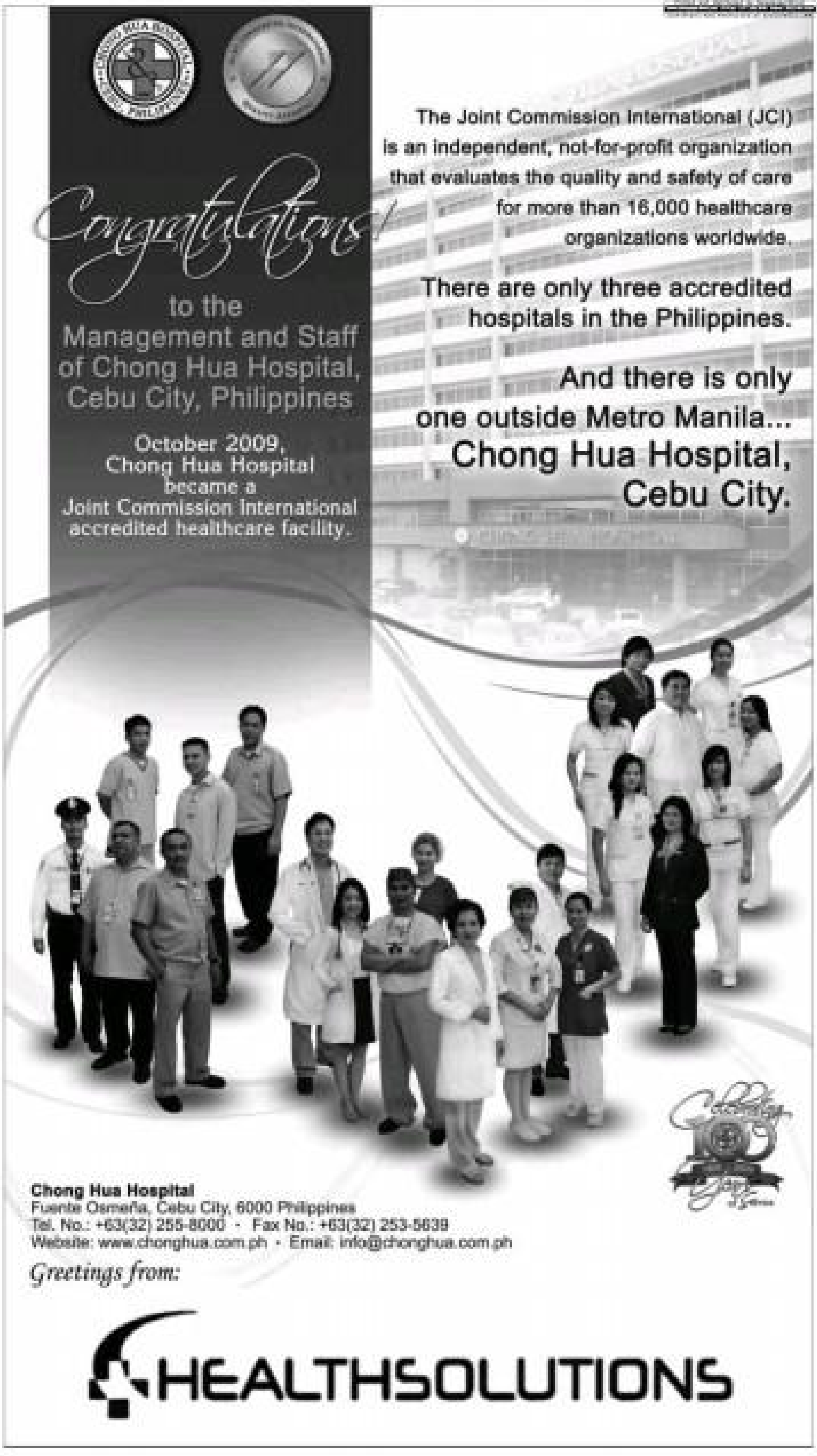
DepEd plans 'home study' programs in Maguindanao



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W. Visayas workers press P50 pay hike



Soldiers find body of suspected Ampatuan militiaman

Resurgent Beermen seek key win over Painters

By Cedelf P. Tupas



Steady Salvador stays on top by 3

Fires 66 to keep Dutchman at bay

US Senior Tour-bound Miñoza still waxes hot

By Cedelf P. Tupas



MIÑOZA: Back in form

SPORTSWATCH

5-cock Pasay Cockpit derby

Anthony lifts Nuggets past Rockets



DENVER'S Carmelo Anthony reaches in to steal the ball from Houston's Aaron Brooks.

St. Scho, Assumption, Poveda bag WBL titles

Peping defends ill-starred Bata, Django versus critics

By June Navarro

Suarez, Vicera make it 5 for pugs



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Quantum leap for wrestlers

No more grappling with mediocrity as RP bets strike thrice

By Roy Luarca



Pool queen Amit pulls off second title double

By Roy Luarca

Cash-bonus meter reads ₱11.1M

By Marc Anthony Reyes



MOLINA



AMIT

Battling Baylon not yet quitting, seeks Magic 10

By Roy Luarca



Eddiva nails 2nd wushu gold

By Roy Luarca

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SPORTS

RP moves up to fifth with 7 more golds

By Roy Luarca



A plus METRO
Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday





Police extend manhunt for Jason Ivler

Bulbs for fluorescent lamps project launched in malls

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Search for elusive slay suspect includes provinces; reward posters up

METRO MANILA POLICE ARE NOW SEEKING HELP FROM THEIR provincial counterparts in their manhunt for road rage suspect Jason Ivler, who may have fled to neighboring provinces to evade arrest.

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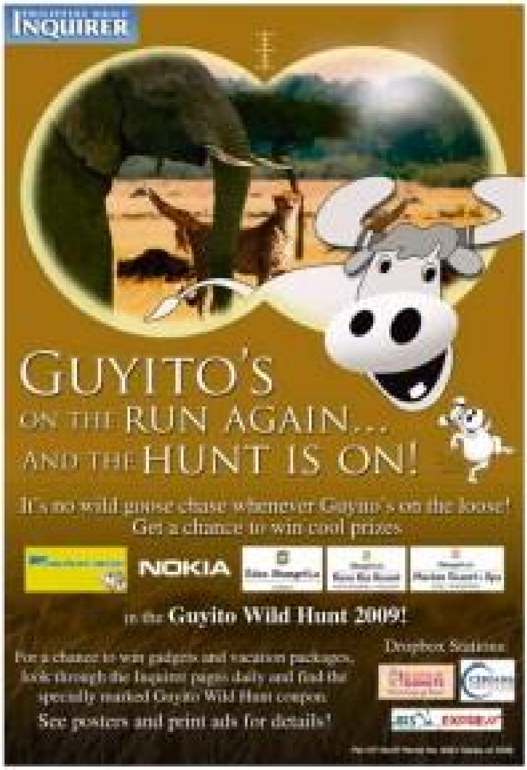
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Holiday treat for motorists on Skyway

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DID YOU KNOW

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Manila bares new rates for Metro Manila consumers

By [illegible]

NEW WATER RATES WILL BE imposed by Manila Water Company Inc. starting Jan. 1, 2010, with the approval of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS).

Based on the new rates, water bills of residential consumers consuming 15 cubic meters will rise by P0.17 per day the water concessionaire said yesterday.

Those consuming 30 cubic meters per month, which make up the majority of customers, will see an increase of P1.39 per day.

However, low-income households consuming 10 cubic meters or less shall continue to be exempt from the tariff adjustments, a benefit they have been enjoying since last year.

The company said the new average rates will be published in newspapers on Dec. 18 and will take effect 15 days after.

Last year, the MWSS board and Manila Water agreed to implement the 2008 rate rebasing adjustment on a staggered basis for a five-year period (2008-2012).

The rate rebasing was supposed to be implemented this year, but the government ordered further tariff mitigation measures be adopted in the wake of the global financial crisis. No adjustment was implemented this year.

The MWSS approved a 15-year renewal/extension of the concession agreement with Manila Water.

The original agreement ends in 2022, but this was extended to 2037.

As a result of the renewal/extension of the concession agreement, the company will increase its average base tariff by P1.16 per cubic meter.

Manila Water said the extension gives the company a longer period to recover its investments, enabling the company to implement small water rate increases.

The company added that its Service Improvement Plan aims to ensure a 24-hour water supply for Metro Manila and parts of Rizal province, mitigate the impact of natural calamities and improve the reliability of Angat as the only source of water for Metro Manila, while supporting the MWSS in developing new water sources.



HOMELESS A couple find a home behind a billboard inviting passersby to try a resto in Quezon City.

Loan assistance ordinance stirs debate at Makati council session



The recent exhibit and on-the-spot photo contest organized by Ayala Land in partnership with the Pinoy Photography Organization, themed " There's Land, and There's Ayala Land", was a well-attended event on 28 Nov 2009. Photos highlighted the various Ayala Land projects in Makati, Taguig, & Quezon City

By [illegible]

ELECTION FEVER IS HEATING UP at the Makati City council as councilors from the Binay and Mercado camps are divided over a draft ordinance giving financial assistance to two barangays.

The ordinance, which seeks to appropriate P125.22 million for various projects, was blocked by nine councilors identified with the Nacionalista Party during a council session on Tuesday.

The councilors who rejected the plan reportedly supported Vice Mayor Ernesto Mercado, who presides over the council, while the seven who voted for it were led by Councilor Jejomar Erwin "Junjun" Binay.

Mercado and Binay are both running for mayor in 2010.

The proposed measure giving loan assistance to Barangays Bangkal and Pinagkaisahan; Phase II of the Makati [illegible] Community Complex; extension of the Comembo Elementary School, Phase II of Pio del Pilar High School; and Phase II of [illegible] Elementary School.

Barangay Bangkal chair [illegible] in a statement appealed to the council to pass the proposal, saying the P4 million loan would allow them to complete several projects and pay the salaries of their employees.

Excluded

Asked to comment, Mercado said the nine councilors opposed the ordinance because it excluded two other barangays that also needed financial support—Guadalupe Viejo and Northside.

He added that Guadalupe Viejo and Northside may have been excluded from the supplemental budget because their barangay chairs were identified with him.



MUTYA NG NAVOTAS 2010

Candidates for Mutya ng Navotas 2010 are joined by Navotas Mayor Toby Tiangco at an informal get-together. The annual activity is in line with the celebration of Navotas' [illegible] Founding Anniversary on Jan. 16. The [illegible] pageant is spearheaded by the [illegible] ng Navotas committee, Association of Barangay Captains, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation and the Public Information Office. The talent night will be held on Jan. [illegible] at the City Hall grounds while the coronation night will be on Jan. [illegible] at the Navotas Centennial Park.

Gibo is top choice of UP students in mock polls

By Julie M. Aurelio

DESPITE HIS POOR SHOWING IN surveys, administration candidate Gilberto Teodoro emerged as the top choice among students of the University of the Philippines in mock elections held recently on campus in Diliman, Quezon City.

Teodoro, a former defense secretary, got 1,669 votes out of the total [illegible] students who participated in the elections held from Dec. 8 to 11.

It was the second leg of the Alpha Sigma fraternity's [illegible] ng Mga Iskolar ng Bayan, which earlier held the first mock polls in September.

In the first mock elections, then presidential wannabe Sen. Francis Escudero proved to be the top choice among UP students at that time as he had not yet withdrawn from the race.

But in last week's mock elections, Teodoro emerged as the winner over Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino.

Aquino got only 1,461 votes, followed by Sen. Manny Villar who received 577 votes.

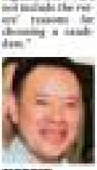
"I think that shows that students are thinking out of the box, that even if President Macapagal-Arroyo is unpopular, it does not rub off on Gibo. There's no bandwagon effect," said fraternity spokesperson [illegible] Castillo.

He said Teodoro may have convinced the students through his "well thought" answers in presidential forums held in schools and universities in Metro Manila.

Fraternity brother Mark [illegible] noted that Teodoro was able to articulate himself well and gave concrete answers within the given time limit in such forums.

"We also have to remember that Escudero eventually dropped out of the race, so he is not among those considered in our mock elections. That's a big factor," Castillo added.

Asked why Aquino came in second place, [illegible] said: "Maybe because he is perceived to be trying to get the sympathy votes, like the Hacienda Luisita issue is also not helping him. But we did not include the voters' reasons for choosing a candidate."



TEODORO



A MASSIVE, young stellar grouping called R136 residing in the 30 Doradus Nebula image caught by the Hubble Space Telescope

Scientists find Earth-like planet filled with water

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The WORLD

'100 percent on': Elin to divorce Tiger

NEW YORK—TIGER WOODS' WIFE WILL divorce the disgraced billionaire golf star and plans to spend Christmas apart after the sex scandal that has halted his career, media reports said Wednesday.



NO MORE ADORING LOOK In this June 11 photo, Elin Nordegren talks to husband Tiger Woods during an NBA game in Orlando, Fla.

Despite everything, Woods is athlete of decade

By Tim Dahlberg

Pakistan court junks amnesty for pols

Susan Boyle most popular YouTube video of 2009

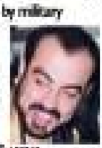


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WorldBriefs

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Top Mexico drug cartel leader killed by military



LEYVA

S. Korea develops pedal-powered plane



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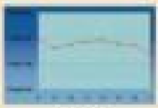
November BOP swings to deficit of $93M

11-month surplus remains healthy at $4.08B

THE COUNTRY'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (BOP) slipped into a deficit of $93 million in November as foreign exchange inflows turned anemic compared with those seen the previous month.

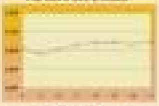
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BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2379-2009

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PPA ordered to shell out ₱400M to gov't

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF) is forcing the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) to pay P400 million in dividends, even though the agency lost P3 billion in 2009.

The move, which is meant to rein in the government's budget shortfall, will decrease the port's resources that may otherwise fund vital projects, officials said.

"The DOF saw it made the money, as it recomputed our [illegible] and they ruled that we need to pay [P400 million]," said Gloria Bañas, PPA assistant general manager.

In 2009, the PPA posted massive losses. But the DOF ruled that bulk of the losses resulted from the depreciation of the peso, which meant an increase in the value of the PPA's dollar-denominated loans.

She said the PPA wrote to Finance Secretary Margarito Teves, informing him of the projects that would be scrapped if the dividends were to be paid.

"Most [illegible] port projects will lose funding, but if that's okay with them, then ... we will remit," she said.

The government has been struggling to cap a growing budget deficit—a result of higher spending to boost the economy amid a global downturn.



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New law for pre-need plans



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is notified that on October 22, 2009, Mr. Juancho L. Pacheco, the holder of Industrial Design No. 3-2000-000476 for "Sandal" issued on September 3, 2003 by the Bureau of Patents of the Intellectual Property Office ("IPO"), filed with the Bureau of Legal Affairs of the IPO a Petition for the Cancellation of Industrial Design No. 3-2008-000743 issued on March 2, 2009 for "Men's Slippers" in the name of Mr. Alvin T. Co.

Likewise, Mr. Pacheco shall prosecute anyone who shall infringe on his said Industrial Design No. 3-2000-000476 for "Sandal" and all other registered INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS owned by him and his company, IN & OUT CORPORATION.

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OBITUARIES



JOEL LICAS MARTINEZ

(July 13, 1941 – December 16, 2009)

peacefully passed on to eternal life at the age of 68.

"With deepest sympathies from the Board, Management and Staff of **Eastern Petroleum Corporation** and **J&M Properties & Construction Corporation**"

He is survived by his Sons, Daughters-in-Law and Grandchildren.

Brothers and Sisters-in-Law
Atty. Bert and Zelda
Sunny and Baby
Tino and Fe
Mel and Edith
and
Per and Annei

His remains lie in state at Manila Memorial Park-Sucat, Funeraria Paz Chapel.
His interment is on December 20, 2009 at 8:00am.

In Memory of
Our Beloved

VICENTE CHUA

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Christ the King Parish, Green Meadows Ave., Q.C.	[illegible]
St. Francis Parish Church, [illegible]	[illegible]
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Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Pasig City	[illegible]
Most Holy Redeemer Parish, [illegible]	[illegible]

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TOMAS P. VICENCIO

Peacefully joined our Lord on December 16, 2009 at the age of 73.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

His family request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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Elementary & Secondary Books .... [illegible]

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Issuance of Eligibility and Bidding Documents	Pre-Bid Conference	Submission and Opening of Eligibility and Bid Envelopes
December 18, 2009 10:00 AM Office of the MPDC	December 21, 2009 10:00 AM Office of the MPDC	December 23, 2009 10:00 AM Office of the MPDC

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BAC Chairman

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Fresh air without the toxins



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(Sgd.) LILIA B. DE LIMA
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RESOLUTION NO. 8714

WHEREAS, Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7166 provides:

WHEREAS, Section 33 of the same Act provides:

NOW, THEREFORE,

SO ORDERED.

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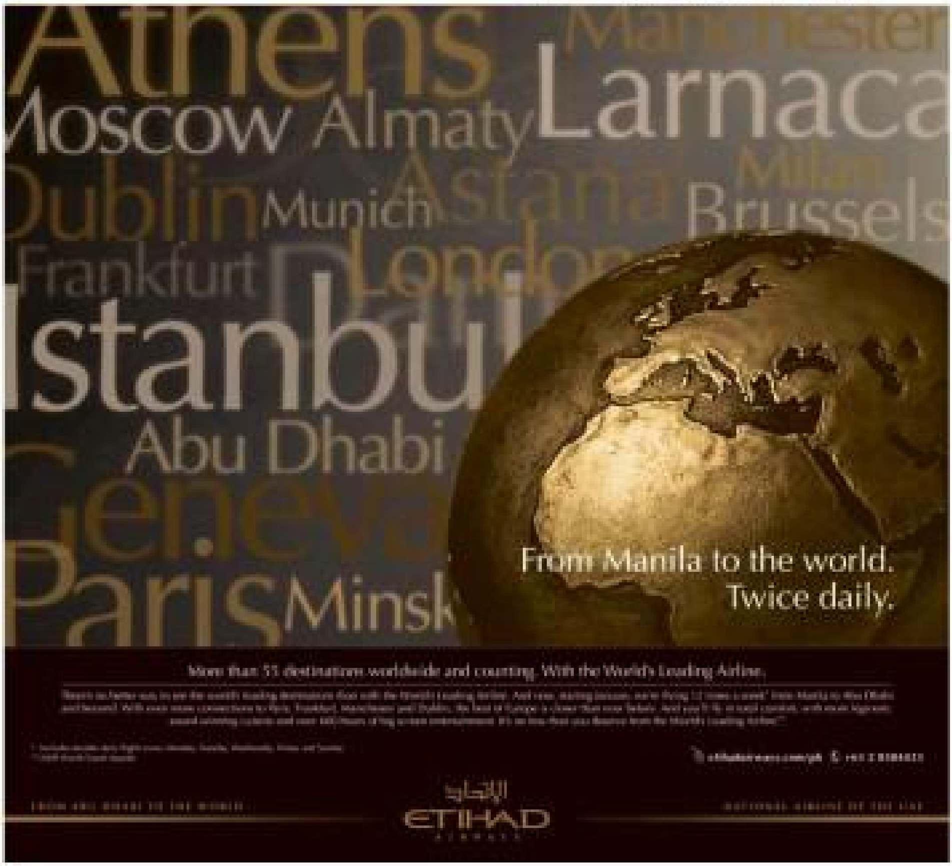
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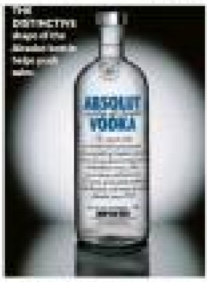
Neda sees economy growing by 0.9%



BUSINESS Friday



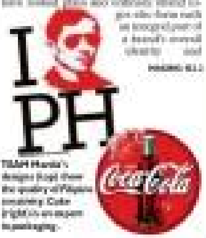
Making the right, lasting impression



Good packaging helps make great brands stand out

THE POWER OF PACKAGING ...







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Wanted: Strong co-op for veggie farmers



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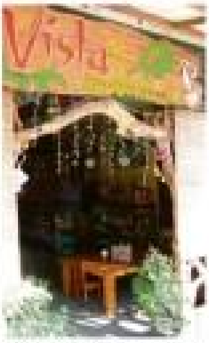
CSR projects

Native products, fine art come together in café



BERNARDO Vista, a 41-year-old artist, puts up Vista's Artspace and Café with his wife.

Artists' haven



VISTA'S Artspace and Café is a haven for art and café lovers.



PRODUCTS for sale include the owner's paintings and wood sculptures.

Great-tasting coffee

Business Friday

Presenting the decade's finest in advertising



BOYSEN, Ad Congress 2009 Advertiser of the year, came up with clever ads.

Three cheers for rank-and-file employees

By Roger Pe
Contributor

IT'S THE END OF ANOTHER DECADE AND time to identify some of the best in class in the advertising industry.

A paint company was named Advertiser of the Year in last month's Subic Ad Congress. But my own choice for television ad of the year is the University of the Philippines Alumni Association's "Bilis," which should prick the conscience of those unscrupulous politicians who take advantage of the boundless to get themselves into office.

One outdoor ad of the year goes to that of a sanitary napkin brand. High fives to the creators of this piece along Edsa near the boundary of Forbes Park and Guadalupe. Putting electric fans on top of the billboard frame is, literally cool.

What an interesting way to communicate freshness, gain word of mouth and instant brand recall.

Our adpersonalities of the year are members of the rank-and-file, the unsung heroes who work until the wee hours of the morning just to get the ads right.

They are sadly, always first on the chopping block when retrenchment comes knocking on the door and usually left out of agencies' Ad Congress' delegates list.

Meanwhile, regional trade magazine Media recently named its Asian ad personality, creative, media and agencies of the year. Well selected and well scrutinized, the winners were, well, really deserving.

Global side of the best

Billboard magazine named Taylor Swift and Kanye West as Top Female and Male Artists of the Year. Not to be outdone, Adweek released its Global Best of the Decade. Here are the results of its online global poll.

Best Ad Agency—Goodby, Silverstein & Partners. This Omnicom member agency spent half of the decade preparing for the digital age of advertising.

At the beginning of 2000, its best work included spots from Budweiser, (talking lizards and Ferrets) and the blockbuster multimedia-inspired idea for "Got Milk?". Racking up more than $2 billion in billings in 2007 and transforming itself from ad maker to content provider, GSP is King of all media, well worth the accolade—The Decade's Best.

Best Agency Personalities—Jeff Goodby and Rich Silverstein, co-chairs and creative directors of Goodby, Silverstein & Partners who didn't take the money and run when Omnicom bought their agency in 1992. They remained to the very core of the agency. Both were inducted to The One Club's Hall of Fame. Today, the partnership continues to be an inspiration to creative people and agency leaders.

Best Creative Director—King of Word of Mouth. Alex Bogusky's passion for giving brands added value is both revered and reviled in the industry. By injecting buzz into any pop culture conversation, he is unrivalled and few would disagree that he has introduced more creative trends in advertising over the years. Famous for his modus ebi, that grew into "sweatshop," Bogusky is known for making people "fond" but making clients famous.

PRESENTING B2-5

LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty
Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan

Stylish—not faddish—fashion



WHITE and black crepe shift with black grosgrain treatment; rose quartz necklace



SLEEVELESS black and white shift with pinstriped chevron pattern on front; smokey quartz earrings

In Myth in-house designer Noel Crisostomo's stylebook, classic doesn't necessarily mean boring

By Alex Y. Vergara

AFTER TWO YEARS of showcasing ready-to-wear pieces by some of the country's leading designers, Myth, says owner Ruby Gan, "has begun to unravel" with its first-ever in-house collection by Filipino-Canadian designer Noel Crisostomo.

The 25-piece SS'10 collection, which comes in three sizes, consists mainly of figure-flattering shift dresses, jackets and a number of separates inspired by working women and their need for chic yet versatile clothes that could work from day to evening.

"Nothing has changed," says Gan. "We will still carry clothes by other designers, including Myth creative director Randy Ortiz, in addition to our own in-house label also called Myth."

Crisostomo has also taken into consideration the market's need for timeless pieces. He toned down the frills and instead focused on tailoring with a touch of quirky detailing and fabric combinations to keep predictability at bay.

Several dresses, for instance, come with black grosgrain trims just below the bust line, while a particular piece draws the eye for its interesting combination of contrasting materials such as brown glazed cotton (for that leather effect) with matte black sand crepe.

Not a few of the dresses come with exposed and diamond zippers, while others are fine examples of color blocking, judicious detailing and strategic seamings that turn otherwise simple shifts into elegant yet eye-catching wardrobe staples.

In Crisostomo's stylebook, classic doesn't necessarily mean boring.

Sedate to classy

A seemingly simple black dress, for instance, comes with a smaller, removable overlay on the skirt that the wearer can manipulate in a number of ways before pinning it with a couple of brooches. By doing so, she instantly transforms a sedate office outfit into a classy cocktail number.

Crisostomo likewise paid attention to construction. A sleeveless, pinstriped shift, for instance, has converging lines that form into a series of chevron patterns that double as [illegible] on the chest. Knowing fully well that the dress' [illegible] pinstripes, he made sure [illegible] of the fabric merged seamlessly with lines from another section.

He also didn't compromise on the finishing. A number of shirts, for instance, are lined with the same fabrics to give their flatter seams the feel and look of luxury. Using the same fabric as lining, although a bit costly, says Crisostomo, also "makes the pieces look good on the hanger."

STYLISH C2







Stylish—not faddish—fashion



"I'd like to think my pieces are stylish, but not faddish," the designer adds. "They're more refined than the average RTW piece because I want them to transcend seasons."

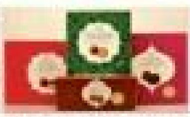
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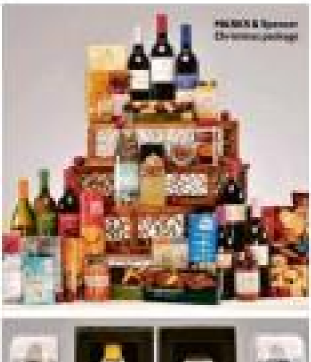


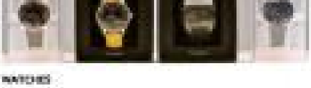


From chocolates to watches—holiday gift ideas







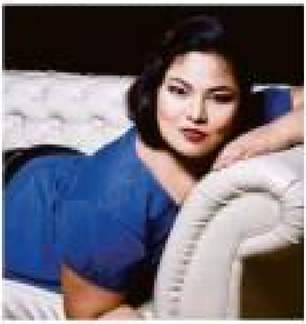


WATCHES



HANDKERCHIEFS

Plus-size fashion for the young



HENT is a new clothing label catered to plus-size women, ages 16 and up. It offers tops and jeans, especially designed to hide flaws and flatter the body. [illegible]



HENT offers tops and jeans for plus-size women aged 16 and up.

Limited-edition boots



SHAKDHA boots

In collaboration with fashion [illegible] [illegible]

Shoe store opens GenSan outlet



NEW SHOES ON THE BLOCK. [illegible]

[illegible]





All the right accessories

SM Department Store offers these stylish gift suggestions from the Ladies and Men's Accessories departments. The choices are endless for that special gentleman or lady in your life.





Gifts for Her

Versatile and chic pieces that complement your style await you at the Ladies Accessories Section. Perfect to give, perfect to keep. All from WWW and MIC.









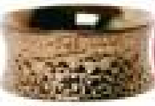




Watch Organizer





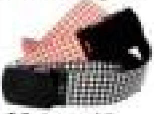


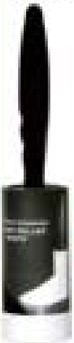


Gifts for Him

Whether you want your gift to be functional or stylish, these items from the Men's Accessories Section make the best gift ideas. Check out Angelo Domenico, M Sense and S Cube for these great finds.







Lint roller

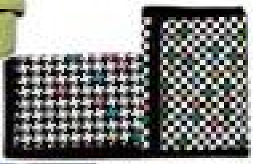








Yellow leather belt













LIFESTYLE *Fashion & Beauty*



BREAK OUT THE BLING: Sparkle in the latest drop earrings and pendants this Christmas.

Lovely presents —for oneself

By Larry Leviste
Contributor

LEAVING OURSELVES LAST ON THE Christmas gift list reveals volumes about how we see our self-worth. Whether we are selfless to others or selfish to ourselves, it can still mean denying that within us which is equally deserving of rewarding and pampering.

Giving to oneself is simply the climax of the usual frenzy of Christmas.

At Greenbelt 4, where Stores Specialists Inc. has wisely complemented all its mid- to high-end luxury commodities such as Prada, DKNY, Tod's, Salvatore Ferragamo, Jimmy Choo, Gucci, Burberry, Hugo Boss, Philippe Charriol, Bvlgari and Louis Vuitton, the company's Holiday Offer

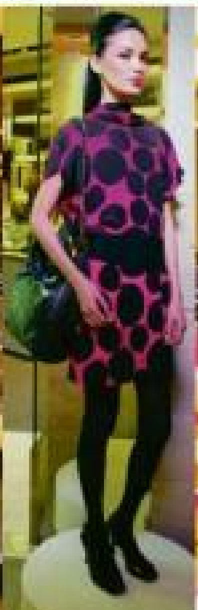
LOVELY D3



SALVATORE FERRAGAMO. Canvas satchel bag in cream and brown leather trim, perfect for the summer of 2010; bi-colored bubble dress from the Ferragamo fashion house



MAKE MINE MARC JACOBS. Brown satchel bag is the newest direction for Spring 2010. Wear a gathered '40s zipper dress from the Marc Jacobs collection.



GOTTA HAVE GUCCI. Oversized polka dot dress, perfect for New Year's Eve, worn with black tights, [illegible] slingbacks and classic Gucci [illegible] bag with chain strap.



BUY ME BURBERRY. Oversized [illegible] bag in purple and cream tartan plaid, worn with classic military jacket and white shirt by Burberry

[illegible]

Lovely presents—for oneself

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[illegible]

All bags and accessories are available at Greenbelt 4, Makati.



PHILIPPE CHARRIOL FINE JEWELRY. A good investment—classic timepiece and fine jewelry from the Charriol 2010 collection



LOUIS VUITTON BY MARC JACOBS. Shocking pink clutch bag trimmed in black can be worn from day to night. Pair it with a black Chantilly lace cocktail dress and fashion-forward footwear by LV.

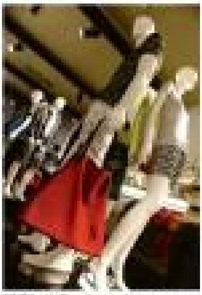


GUCCI GUY LOOKS HOT. Modern suit with piped, peak-collared lapel and bi-colored dress shirt is a two-button jacket, [illegible] trousers and large doctor's bag for the hip corporate man, all by Gucci.



I CHOOSE JIMMY CHOO. Metallic [illegible] bag in iridescent sequins may be worn from day to night with an LBD and Jimmy Choo's [illegible] sandals.





TRENDY polo [illegible] down to the younger generation with Collezione-C2's My Pilipinas line of children's clothes. Above, more stylish Collezione items.



COLLEZIONE-C2 has expanded its product line to include bags with the brand's trademark Philippine map embroidery.



Fashion brand turns 'My Pilipinas' line into global item

MORGAN GUTIERREZ, a 14-YEAR-OLD freshman at the American High School in Fremont, California, was wearing a shirt with a stylized Philippine map when schoolmates, many of whom she did not know, were coming up to her and giving her a hug.

"It was like hug a Filipino day, Dad," she told her father after school. The shirt, a sky-blue Collezione-C2, was a pasalubong from her father from one of his trips to the Philippines. She was proud that while she saw a lot of Filipinos in school wearing clothes bearing Filipino symbols, such as the sun and three stars, she was the only one who had such a shirt.

The strategy of Collezione-C2 to tap into the seemingly newfound patriotism has become a fashion phenom that has spilled over among Filipinos even overseas, particularly those born and raised in the US, like Morgan, who loudly and proudly declare their ethnic heritage.

It also helps that the quality of Collezione-C2 shirts compare favorably with such traditional global-brand favorites as the Gap, Banana Republic and [illegible], which are staples in Morgan and her friends' closets.

Indeed what Collezione-C2 has done to the shirt is what Jollibee did to the burger. The fast-food franchise turned the Filipino patty into a global commodity; Collezione-C2, with its My Pilipinas collection, is doing the same for the shirt.

"Collezione is a brand that is near and dear to the Filipino's heart," says Joey [illegible], Collezione-C2 managing director. "The reason it has gained the loyalty of so many people is because the brand has been able to forge a connection across different generations by meeting their fashion needs—especially now that we've extended our product line to include offerings for the entire consumer spectrum. The brand's trademark polo shirts have accompanied customers on their trips around the world."

Creative director [illegible] Kala says there is more to Collezione-C2 than My Pilipinas. "We envision Collezione-C2 to be an innovative fashion brand—one that is constantly creating something new and exciting for its customers," he explains. "I am very happy about the success of the My Pilipinas collection, but it doesn't stop there. I would like to offer pieces that are not just nationally relevant—they should also be globally relevant."

Globally relevant fashion, says Kala, is being able to incorporate the brand's unique flavor in each piece while staying attuned to current trends—or quite simply, "standing out" while "fitting in."

"We want to design clothes you can wear no matter where you are in the world, while still bearing Collezione-C2's personal stamp. In that way, we can encourage Filipinos to appreciate local brands and be proud of wearing them even abroad," he says.



ASIDE from its signature polo shirts, Collezione-C2 now offers bags and other accessories.

Gotta Have Toy Kingdom's Amazing Card



This Megatron figure from the Transformers Animated series has electronic lights and conversion sounds



Chicco 2-in-1 Shapes and Sounds Rattle for the little ones

It's never too early for kids to shop smart, and Toy Kingdom's Amazing Card will make kids part of a community of toy lovers and get exclusive previews of new toys and updates on events. It's like Mom's and Dad's SM Advantage Card or Prestige Card, and it opens a whole new world of exciting rewards, discounts, and freebies. What's more, the more they shop, the more points they earn, and the more free toys they will get to enjoy.

To be a member, you can get your Amazing Card Starter Kit at Toy Kingdom stores for only P150. You'll also get coupons, which will entitle you to discounts and bonus points of premium brands like Little Tikes, Chicco, Baby Alive, My Little Pony, Lisa Frank, Barbie, Disney Princess, Power Rangers, Transformers, GI Joe, Nikko, Silverlit, Playstation 3, PSP and Wii.

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Share and wear hair accessories with this Disney Princess Snow White doll and Royal Horse



Create a magical Ponyville world with this My Little Pony Teapot Palace



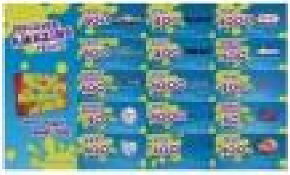
Boys will have fun combining these Power Rangers Jungle Fury Zords



Spend hours of high-tech fun with the new and more compact Playstation 3 Slim



Girls will love this Lisa Frank Value Pack, includes 1 binder, 2 portfolios, 1 sketchbook, and lots of other accessories



Get these coupons with your Amazing Card Starter Kit at Toy Kingdom stores for only P150



Need for speed: Nikko Off Road Hummer with full function radio control

LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty



Sparkly stripes make this T-shirt cocktail hour-worthy

Silver belles

THE HOLIDAYS ARE IN FULL SWING. What better season to get all dolled up for the next few weeks with some extra sparkle and shine?

A metallic color palette always does the trick of glamming up an outfit. This season, the "it" metal on the Periodic Table of fash-

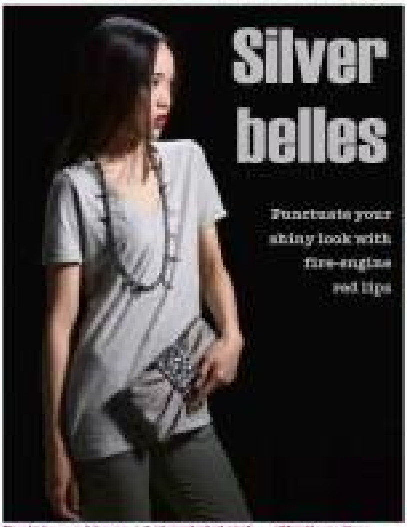
TURN TO E2

Silver belles

Punctuate your shiny look with fire-engine red lips



Not your boyfriend's sweater
Sequined cardigan, studded skirt, Zara



Basic tee and jeans + bejeweled clutch = effortless glam
T-shirt, Zara; pants, Helmut Lang; silver clutch, Banana Republic; pearl necklace, [illegible]



Give your glittery tank top a fresh look with edgy pearls Sequined tank top, leggings, Zara; pearl necklace, [illegible]



The vest!
Silver bubble vest, gray jeans, Zara



Mabuhay!
Jenni J. Epperson

...ver is not gold, but silver.

Whether it's a molded cocktail dress, a satin-sugar quilted vest or even crystal-studded footwear, silver will make you the shining star of the glass-clinking season.

Now hold your silver stilettos in Armani's Fall 2009 runway for some inspired ideas. Armani paid homage to the '80s (as so many designers seem to be obsessed with nowadays) with patent leather berets and gloves, wide belts and fire-engine red lips to go with his shiny set.

Take note – red lips and silver outfits. Absolutely beautiful. And a great look for the season.

Armani showed off his signature soft tailoring with sparkly evening looks in fitted jackets, satin lapels, single buttons and flares in the back. A silver crocodile stamped leather jacket was one for the fashion blogger's pages.

Also adding sparkle were the crystal-studded flat satin boots, bejeweled slip dresses and one-shoulder looks in shades of silver gray. Very festive yet elegant.

Another designer doing a lot of reflecting this season is Christopher Decarnin for Balmain. His moods ranged from rock to disco chick chic, with round-shouldered jackets, elaborately designed jeans and sexy, high-sparkle mini tube dresses.

Think shorter, tighter body dresses focused in Swarovski crystals, flounced up at the shoulder, tightly bound in satin drape or quilted, chain-wrapped black leather. Each one finished off with suede boots with silver buckles running up the side. A little bit disco, a little bit rock and roll, and a whole lot of starry-eyed appeal.

On these pages, you'll find a few silver-doll looks inspired by the runways.

Now those ring, hear them bling, soon it will be Christmas Day!

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It's officially Christmas at the Robinsons Malls!



Approximately 38 days earlier before Christmas Day, Robinsons Malls celebrated the much awaited season of the year with the traditional lighting of its 50-foot bedecked indoor Christmas Tree at the Midtown Wing of Robinsons Place Manila.

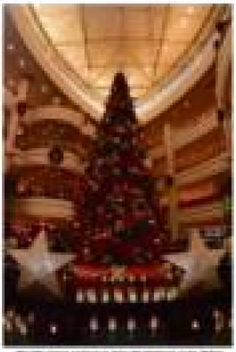
The merriment and countdown was led by city officials Mayor Alfredo S. Lim and vice mayor Isko Moreno, together Robinsons Malls general manager Rex D. Mapa.

In keeping with the annual tradition, a simple turnover ceremony of The Gift of Change donation coin banks to the residents of the Jaime Cardinal Sin Village was also held during this event.

Celebrities Sam Milby and Toni Gonzaga were also present.

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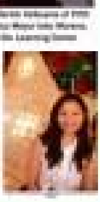












Holiday nail file









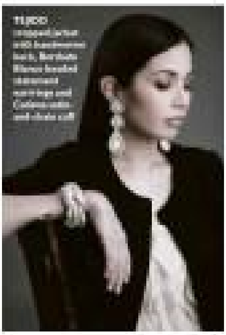








Sophisticated pieces with couture touches







INQUIRER Lifestyle presents the 12 shades of Christmas, each one bound to make your nails pop this season



Holiday nail file

AFTER ALL THE SHOPping, gift-wrapping and cooking, your hands deserve some pampering. Go for a xmas-relieving manicure and grab one of these hot nail polish shades.

Some were made especially for the holidays, others were not. But they're all guaranteed to make your nails pop this season. This is your guide to nailing Christmas.







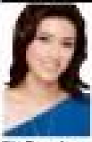


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What's the best scent for you?

KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

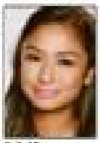






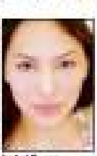
How to wear purple makeup







Where to get the perfect haircut



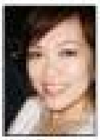






Holiday and work makeup made easy

One thing you should have in your purse always–a good, richly pigmented lipstick







New products to satisfy your nail polish mania







'Belenismo sa Tarlac' ongoing until January



New York 'indietronic' band returns to Manila

Kirika-Ay 2009 set

What's the best scent . . .


DAISY by Marc Jacobs







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All things Christmas in one store

















King and queen of Spain to grace UST Christmas Concert gala next year

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH









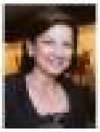




















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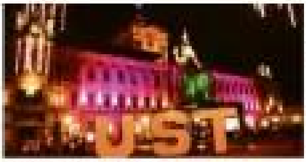






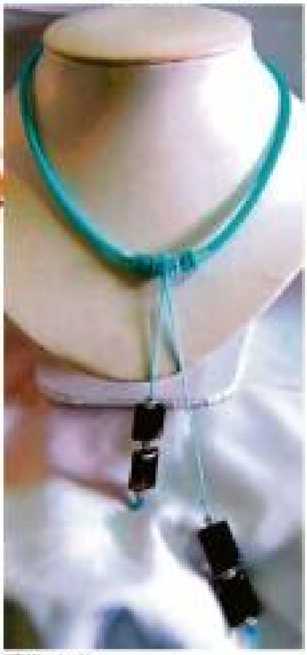








INDIAN beaded agate



INDIAN cord necklace

All things Christmas in one store

From page [illegible]

Finally, from Hong Kong, moms will surely love to have an appliance from the brand Princess or program flowers by Sanamu to add on to their precious kitchenware collection.

Enriching coffee table books are also perfect gift items for this season. Produced by our very own, like "Yolanda," which accounts for the golden era of [illegible] anniversary and the rich culture of the past; there is also the "Philippine First Ladies Portraits" featuring collections of women who shared their lives with men of power and their significant role in the history of our nation. Music is always one of the best gifts to [illegible]. Enjoy classic ballads that made Filipino artists known all over the world with the latest album by renowned composer George Canseco entitled "Only Love Remains." More than just presents for this Christmas, all these are useful and educational masterpieces that can enrich one's mind and become more learned and cultured.

With all these offerings from the different parts of the globe, Bazaar's truly houses all things Christmas.

Bazaar's makes Yuletide shopping more pleasurable until Dec. 20 with Christmas weekend activities that all families will enjoy. Some of these activities held every Saturday and Sunday at Bazaar's Makati and Bazaar's Shangri-La are: International Food Exhibit with food from around the globe; product demos and coffee tasting. Brunch at [illegible] Café for its delectable dinners and dessert buffet; and Eucharistic Mass at 12:30 and 6 p.m. Bazaar's is also offering a Children's Lounge where you can leave kids to enjoy activities like painting and [illegible] making while you finish your holiday shopping.



INDIAN turquoise and onyx necklace



A Merry Christmas for Isuzu D-Max Winner

Lucky Customer from Pampanga wins an Isuzu D-max plus half a million pesos at the Home Depot

On its 5th milestone year, the Home Depot Group launched its first major promo called the AUTOLOTTO. The raffle gives its consumers more chances to win with its 3 major draws spread throughout over the whole year of 2009. The first raffle draw was held on April 2 and in the first grand draw, Home Depot gave away half a million pesos for the 1st prize. Architect Mario Uttu, a regular customer of Ortigas Home Depot was the recipient of the first grand prize draw. On the second grand draw, the 1st prize was an Isuzu D-Max pickup truck and was drawn last August 2 and a lucky customer named Clara Elizabeth Gramata of Antipolo City won the first Isuzu D-Max as grand raffle.

Last November 14, one very lucky Romeo Lopez won another Isuzu D-Max plus half a million pesos on the final phase of the grand prize draw. Based in Pampanga, Lopez is a regular customer of Pampanga Home Depot, whose house was being renovated in nearby San Fernando.

This is Home Depot's way of saying thanks to its valued customers for their continuous support and patronage, which saw the rise of the chain to be one of the top builder stores in the country. The Isuzu D-Max is a favorite choice for construction professionals like engineers, contractors, architects and entrepreneurs who are always on the field and need a dependable workhorse plus cargo space without necessarily sacrificing SUV-like comfort and amenities.



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Ben Farrales fashion show with a heart

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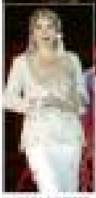
The Intercon catwalk gig raised funds for Child Haus

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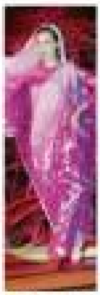


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VERTICAL stripes for a chic silhouette



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LIVING Stars

Editor Emeralo G. Velarde

Can they take the kitchen heat?

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Joel in the palace

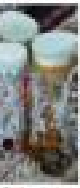
This weekend getaway is merrily decorated like a holiday gift



JOEL Cruz all set to play Santa to his big, big family—including 800 employees

By Raymond San Diego Jr.
Photos by Andrew Tadalan

LAUREL, BATANGAS—Somewhere on a ridge that provides exquisite views of Taal Volcano, Tagaytay City and the Batangas valley is a jewel of a vacation home, merrily decorated for the season with garlands— much like a Christmas gift!



PLASTIC containers as exquisite table toppers.

"This three-story rest house in Crosswinds is the weekend getaway of Afficionado owner and "Celebrity Duets 2" big winner Joel Cruz.

Joel relates that there's an annual Christmas decor competition among the residents in the village. Last year, his first time to join, he won the grand prize.

It's quite obvious that he takes each and every challenge seriously—whether it's the perfume business, a singing contest or a holiday spruce-up competition.

This year, his house is in the running again. He's not shy to admit that he spent more than he expects to win. He apparently derives as much pure satisfaction from the process, as well as the triumph.

He recalls that, since he was a kid, he's been this passionate about the holiday season. "I'd get all excited decorating my mother's old house in Pampanga, Manila," he recounts. "I'd turn our glass into one huge candelabra."

He had limited resources at the time, he says, but this only fired up his ingenuity even

JOEL P.2



THREE-STORY home framed with some 1,200 feet of soft plastic garlands.

GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



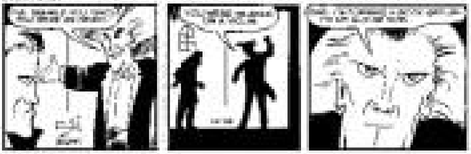
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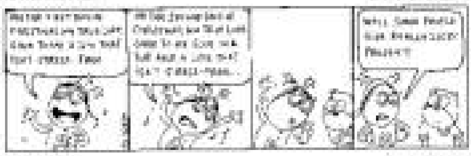
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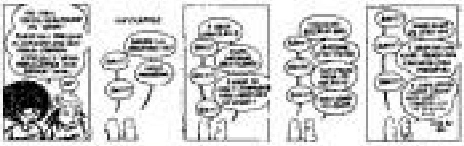
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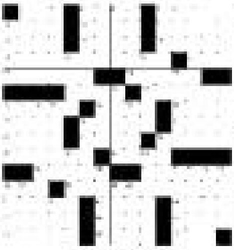


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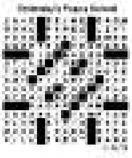
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.
Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle



PERFUME bottle-shaped pool features the company logo.

Joel in the palace

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ones. But even now that he has attained a certain level of success, he still taps into that more child-like wonder and creativity.

Not all the decorative pieces in this house are expensive Swarovski and Murano crystals. A closer look will reveal that the baubles on a 20-foot Christmas tree are recycled perfume bottles embellished with lace, sequins and beads.

"At our stores, we encourage customers to return old bottles and, for a discount, they can have a refill. It's not only eco-friendly, he notes, "it also leads to repeat sales."

Joel has turned some of the old bottles, even plastic canisters, into decorative pieces. Shaped like a busty female body, the Perfume Lana Aficionado bottle is transformed into an angel—complete with silver wings.

"I get most of the raw materials in Divisoria and Ongpin," he says.

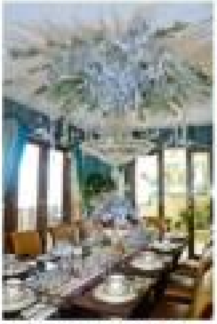
Of course, he doesn't have the time to do each and every piece. "I just make samples and instruct my workers to follow the designs," says Joel.

Continuous innovation plays a key factor in both his personal and business endeavors. "In both my décor and product lines, I cannot often the same tired concepts all the time. You have to constantly change, evolve, improve."

Last year, he suspended a Santa Claus on a sleigh in front of his home.

This year, he lined the glass windows with garlands (nearly 1,250 feet), changed the theme to angels, added dancing Christmas trees here and there, plus reindeer replicas in the garden. "The Christmas trees sway with

JOEL H4



TEN-SEATER dining table by Versace all dressed up for family, friends and other guests.



THE 20-foot tree outshines the pineapple-shaped chandelier.



Joel in the palace



SILVER bells from Toledo are also dressed for the holidays.

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Recurring theme

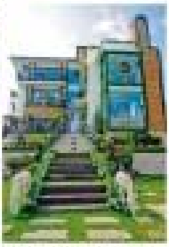
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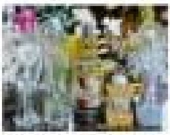
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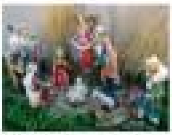
MASSIVE front door made of several wood varieties.



HOME on the hill, decked like a precious gift.



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CERAMIC nativity scene in the garden is from China.



HOMEMADE Christmas balls and other ornaments [illegible]



GARDEN lounge pieces are comfy and ideal for all-night parties.

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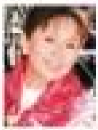
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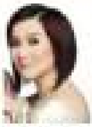
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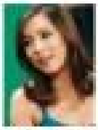
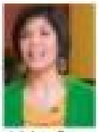
There's no show business like politics

CHEER FACTOR





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Tarantino film pulls surprises at Globes

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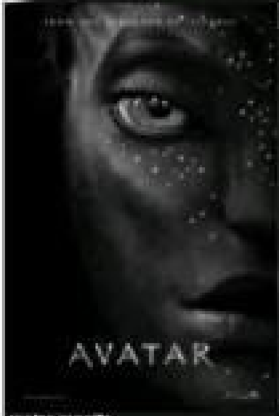
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1 INGLORIOUS BASTERDS
2 AVATAR
3 AVATAR
4 AVATAR
5 AVATAR
6 NINJA ASSASSIN
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METRO EAST

1 AVATAR
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6 NINJA ASSASSIN
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8 AVATAR

NOVALICHES

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LIPA

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DASMARIÑAS

1 AVATAR
2 AVATAR
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STARMILLS

1 AVATAR
2 AVATAR
3 AVATAR
4 INGLORIOUS BASTERDS
5 PARANORMAL ACTIVITY
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IMUS

1 AVATAR
2 AVATAR
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ANGELES

1 AVATAR
2 AVATAR
3 NINJA ASSASSIN
4 INGLORIOUS BASTERDS / TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON

TACLOBAN

1 AVATAR
2 AVATAR
3 INGLORIOUS BASTERDS / TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON

DUMAGUETE

1 AVATAR
2 NINJA ASSASSIN
3 TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON / INGLORIOUS BASTERDS

BACOLOD

1 AVATAR
2 AVATAR
3 AVATAR
4 PARANORMAL ACTIVITY
5 NINJA ASSASSIN / INGLORIOUS BASTERDS
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ILOILO

1 AVATAR
2 AVATAR
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5 NINJA ASSASSIN
6 INGLORIOUS BASTERDS

GENSAN

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2 AVATAR
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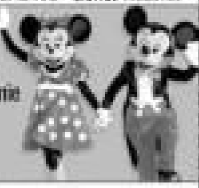
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Uncomfortable topic

Fantasy world







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